UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PETER L. MALKIN; ANTHONY E. MALKIN; THOMAS N. KELTNER, JR; AND ESRT MH HOLDINGS L.L.C.,

Petitioners,

Respondents.

-against-

VIRGINIA SHASHA AND VIVIENNE PERO, COTRUSTEES OF THE VIOLET SHUKER SHASHA TRUST; DANIELLE P. BARGER, TRUSTEE OF THE EDELMAN FAMILY DECEDENT'S TRUST; LAURENCE ADLER AND SHIRLEY ADLER, TRUSTEES OF THE ADLER FAMILY TRUST; MYRNA JOY EDELMAN, TRUSTEE OF THE 2006 GILBERT M. EDELMAN INTER VIVOS TRUST; EMPIRE STATE LIQUIDITY FUND, LLC; MARY JANE FALES; MELVYN H. HALPER; PHYLLIS J. HALPER; AND WENDY S. TAMIS,

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**ORDER** 

ANALISA TORRES, District Judge:

Petitioners, Peter L. Malkin, Anthony E. Malkin, Thomas N. Keltner, Jr., and ESRT MH Holdings L.L.C., bring this proceeding under the Federal Arbitration Act (the "FAA"), 9 U.S.C. §§ 9–10, to vacate in part and otherwise confirm an arbitration award (the "Award") issued by the American Arbitration Association, resolving a dispute between them and Respondents, Virginia Shasha and Vivienne Pero, Co-Trustees of the Violet Shuker Shasha Trust, Laurence Adler and Shirley Adler, Trustees of the Adler Family Trust, Myrna Joy Edelman, Trustee of the 2006 Gilbert M. Edelman Inter Vivos Trust, Empire State Liquidity Fund, LLC, Mary Jane Fales, Melvyn H. Halper, Phyllis J. Halper, Wendy S. Tamis (collectively, the "MTD Respondents"), and Danielle P. Barger, Trustee of the Edelman Family Decedent's Trust. Pet. at 1–2, ECF No. 1. On August 4, 2021, the Court granted the MTD Respondents' motion to dismiss the petition due to insufficient service of process. ECF No. 58. Petitioners now move

for partial reconsideration of that decision pursuant to Local Civil Rule 6.3. ECF No. 59. For the reasons stated below, Petitioners' motion is DENIED.

## DISCUSSION

## I. <u>Legal Standard</u>

Petitioners bring their motion for reconsideration under Local Civil Rule 6.3. Rule 6.3 provides that a "notice of motion for reconsideration or reargument of a court order determining a motion . . . shall be served with . . . a memorandum setting forth concisely the matters or controlling decisions which counsel believes the Court has overlooked." Thus, "to be entitled to reargument and reconsideration, the movant must demonstrate that the Court overlooked controlling decisions or factual matters that were put before it on the underlying motion." *Dietrich v. Bauer*, 198 F.R.D. 397, 399 (S.D.N.Y. 2001). The movant must also demonstrate that the controlling law or factual matters "might reasonably be expected to alter the court's decision." *Montanile v. Nat'l Broad. Co.*, 216 F. Supp. 2d 341, 342 (S.D.N.Y. 2002). Rule 6.3 is to be "narrowly construed and strictly applied so as to avoid repetitive arguments on issues that have been considered fully by the Court." *Dietrich*, 198 F.R.D. at 399. And motions for reconsideration are "committed to the sound discretion of the district court." *Immigrant Def. Project v. U.S. Immigr. and Customs Enf't*, No. 14 Civ. 6117, 2017 WL 2126839, at \*1 (S.D.N.Y. May 16, 2017).

## II. Analysis

The Petition sought to vacate in part, and otherwise confirm the Award. Pet. at 1.

Petitioners ask the Court to reconsider its dismissal with respect to the MTD Respondents of that portion of the Petition which sought to confirm the remainder of the Award, contending that the FAA requires courts to confirm an arbitration award "unless it is vacated, modified, or corrected as prescribed." Pet. Mem. at 3, ECF No. 60. However, at the time of filing their motion for

partial reconsideration, Petitioners' request to confirm the balance of the Final Award was pending before the Court, ECF No. 37. On September 27, 2021, the Court confirmed the Award in full, ECF No. 62. Accordingly, Petitioners' motion for partial reconsideration is denied as moot. *In re Kurtzman*, 194 F.3d 54, 58 (2d Cir. 1999).

## **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons stated above, Petitioners' motion for partial reconsideration is DENIED as moot. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the motion at ECF No. 59, and to close the case.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 27, 2021 New York, New York

> ANALISA TORRES United States District Judge